

SFS Race Report Sat 6th April 2019

by Bob Chapman, 8 Apr 2019.

Photographs by Adrienne Jackson.

Race 22 of the 2018-19 Season, Heat 3 of the Club Championship and Heat 6 of the Autumn Point Score. The penultimate race for the season with ideal autumn weather and the prospect of a light to moderate gradient breeze from the NE sector. The popular choice of rig for the day appeared to be no.1 mainsail with a no.1 or 2 jib. 7 skiffs were on hand to contest this race with Yendys out of play due to rig and hull damage from last week's event. However, Yendys was there in spirit in the form of Yendys sailing maestro, Andrew Buckland, on board Top Weight along with some borrowed downwind sails from the jolly red anchor.

The race got underway from a scratch start off Double Bay on the no.1 NE course into a light to moderate NE breeze and run-out tide. The starting area was somewhat congested with other race activities in play – ie the Etchells and Laser fleets running a series of sprint races from this section of the harbour. The scratch start was well contested with Scot and Aberdare getting off the line clear along with Top Weight, Britannia and Alruth.



Soon after the skiff race started, the Etchells fleet began their next race. As the skiffs approached Bradley's Head they were overtaken by the Etchells fleet, then had to thread their way amongst the Etchells and their residue bad wind and boat wash.



As the skiffs emerged from the Bradley's Head debacle, Scot (looking resplendent under new sails) had established a good lead from Australia IV and Aberdare.

Scot lead all the way up the first beat to round the Beashel Buoy first for the square run to Shark Island followed by Aberdare, Australia IV, Top Weight, Alruth, Britannia and Tangalooma.



While the skiffs enjoyed good wind pressure on the beat up the middle and left side of the harbour, the breeze downwind on the eastern side was much lighter making for slow progress against the tide down to the gybe mark. Aberdare moved into the lead off Steel Point to be first to gybe at Shark Island for the run to Clark Island, followed by Australia IV, Scot, Top Weight, Alruth, with Britannia and Tangalooma side by side.



The run down to the bottom mark off Clark Island was slow going – displacement sailing all the way with no change in positions. Aberdare was first to round at Clark Island for the beat up to Chowder Bay followed by Australia IV, Scot, Top Weight, Alruth, Tangalooma and Britannia. As the skiffs worked towards Bradley's and the left side of the course the breeze became stronger and steady, making for good upwind sailing. Aberdare was first to round Chowder for the run to Shark Island followed by Australia IV, Scot, Top Weight, Alruth, Tangalooma and Britannia.



No change in positions on the run across to the gybe mark and down the final run where the breeze again lightened off, with Aberdare (under ringtail) first to finish followed by Australia IV (ringtail), Scot (failed attempt at setting their maiden ringtail), Top Weight (ringtail), Alruth, Tangalooma and Britannia.



The result for the Club Championship was decided on AHSSA Rating with Scot in first place just 5 secs ahead of Top Weight, then Aberdare, Australia IV, Alruth, Britannia and Tangalooma. After 3 heats, Scot is the SFS Club Champion for the 2018-19 season - well sailed and well done Team Scot.



With thanks to our on-water support team of Barley, Mandy, Russell, Tomoko, Johnno, Peter, John, Sue, Stu, Chuck and Bill, Rob and Adrienne on the Rosman ferry, with Ross and Margaret on the BBQ, Tomoko on the raffle, along with support from Angove Wines. We look forward to seeing you down at the Squaddie next week – last race.

Just 1 more race to go:

Sat	13 April	Autumn Series Heat 7 and Sprint Races
Sat	11 May	Presentation Night (as advised by the Commodore).

Results for Saturday 6th April.

Race 22	06-Apr-19		Scr Start	#1 Course	NE	10-12kts						
Skiff	Skipper	Race Hcap	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	H'cap Time	New Hcap	Ring tail	AHSSA Rating	Rating C'Time	Rating Place	
Aberdare	J. Winning	0:01	14:30:00	16:15:53	1:45:53	1:44:53	1	1	0:01:30	1:44:23	3	
Australia IV	T. Stewart	0:07	14:30:00	16:17:21	1:47:21	1:40:21	7	1	0:01:30	1:45:51	4	
Scot	G. Kay	0:14	14:30:00	16:18:32	1:48:32	1:34:32	12	*	0:05:30	1:43:02	1	
Top Weight	A. Robertson	0:15	14:30:00	16:19:37	1:49:37	1:34:37	14	1	0:06:30	1:43:07	2	
Alruth	J. Tickner	0:15	14:30:00	16:20:32	1:50:32	1:35:32	15		0:03:30	1:47:02	5	
Tangalooma	N. Turbit	0:15	14:30:00	16:26:57	1:56:57	1:41:57	15		0:05:00	1:51:57	7	
Britannia	I. Smith	0:15	14:30:00	16:28:15	1:58:15	1:43:15	15		0:07:30	1:50:45	6	
Yendys		0:00	DNC				0					
The Mistake		0:09	DNC				9					
Myra Too		0:07	DNC				7					
Australia		0:06	DNC				6					

“*” – ringtail hoisted, but not “set”, no points, ½ half a jug of rum & coke.

Skiff	Season Point Score	Autumn Point Score	Ringtail Point Score
Aberdare	75	23	11
Alruth	43	12	1
Australia	0	0	0
Australia IV	64	23	9
Britannia	46	13	17
Myra Too	0	0	0
Scot	55	20	0
Tangalooma	39	15	0
The Mistake	2	2	1
Top Weight	56	16	2
Yendys	43	18	10

Club Championship

Place	Skiff	H1, 1/12	H2, 16/3	H3, 6/4	Points
1	Scot	1	4	1	6
2	Australia IV	2	3	4	9
3	Top Weight	5	6	2	13
4	Aberdare	9	2	3	14
5	Britannia	3	5	6	14
6	Alruth	4	8	5	17
7	Yendys	9	1	12	22
8	Tangalooma	9	7	7	23
9	Australia	12	12	12	36
9	Myra Too	12	12	12	36
9	The Mistake	12	12	12	36
